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(Continued.)

"Yes," I answered. "At once. All four of us. Put the stuff aboard, 'Hiro.'"

So, somewhat crowded as the Sea Rover was with three boys and a dog, we all went to the fore and aft, and, at last, we were about with crew and cargo aboard.

Ah, what a fine new world was this which lay before us!

To me, used to exact habit of thought in all things and accustomed to be governed by trained reason alone, it was never enough to say that a thing was partly done, or well enough done to pass only the best possible way had any appeal to me. I brought my reason to bear on every situation in life. Thus I studied an investment carefully, and before going into it I knew what the result would be. My investments therefore always have prospered, because they were not based on guess or chance, as nine-tenths of all the public's business ventures are. In the same way I had gone deliberately about the matter of winning the regard of the only woman I ever saw who seemed to me much worth while. I argued and reasoned with Helena Emory that she should marry me, proving to her by every rule of logic that not only was she the most lovable woman in all the records of the world, but also that love such as mine never had before been known in the world. Sometimes, as I logically proved the fitness of our union and grew warm at my own accuracy, she would, suddenly, and without warning, forget my argument, she would relax into womanlike frivolity once more. I did not like to think of this as I sat in the shade with Partial. It cost me much in self respect, I trust.

But, having studied sport and outdoor living deliberately as I had studied the law and business and Helena, I had rather a thorough grounding on life in the open. For I had read every authority obtainable, whereas my young associates had read none. So cautiously, now and then, I suggested little things to them, as that the fire need not be so large, and would do better if confined between two green side logs. I taught them how to bait the fishing line, how to make tea, and also more difficult, how to make coffee, how to cook bacon just enough, and how to cook fish—for I had taken a few trout earlier in the day—and how to make toast without charring it to cinders. Again, I delighted them by telling them of little camping devices, and quite won their hearts when I found among Helena's packages a small canvas griddle with folding legs, of my own devising. It was quite clean and new, but it performed as I felt quite sure it would. In fact, reason will govern all things—except a woman.

I could see—and I noted it with much satisfaction—that I was rising in the estimation of my pirates. It pleased me not at all to show that I knew more than they of these things, for I was older and my mind was long my trained servant; but I had monstrous delight in seeing myself accepted as one fit to associate with them.

We sat by our friends, before our little tent after a pleasant meal which I knew was well cooked because I cooked it myself—trout, a young squirrel, and toast, and real coffee—and Partial was close at my knee, having obviously adopted me. We were fifteen or twenty miles from our house, nearly twice that from their homes, but the world itself seemed very remote from us. We revelled in a new luxurious world of rare deeds, rare dreams all our own. I was conjuring up some new argument to put before Helena should I ever see her again—as of course I never should—when Lafitte rolled over on the grass and looked up at us.

"We was just saying," he remarked, "that you didn't have no name."

"That is true. I have not told you my name, nor have you asked it. Had you been impolite you might have learned it by prying about my place," I spoke gravely and with approval.

"No, we didn't know who you was."

"Let it be so. Let me be a man of no name. A name is of no consequence, and neither am I."

"Slo, now, that ain't so. I never knew a better—now I never—"

Just Lafitte's reticence in friendship again was getting the better of him.

"So we said we'd call you Black Bart," added L'Olonnois.

"That is a most excellent name," said I after some thought. "At present I can find no objection to it except that I was never heard of at all and would have a red or brown one if I did and that Black Bart was rather a pirate of the land than of the sea."

"Was he?" queried L'Olonnois.

"Wasn't he a pirate, too, never?"

"There was a famous pirate chief known as Bluebeard or Blackbeard, and it may be sometimes they called him Black Bart."

"Wasn't he a awful desper' sort of pirate?"

"He was said to have been."

"It sounds like a awful desper' name," said Jimmy, "like as though"

well had he learned the art of war that in the space of a few moments, in spite of the loud outcry of the owner of the invading cur, he had him on his back in a throat grip which was the end of the battle and bade fair soon to be the end of the enemy.

The man who had accosted us caught up a club and made toward Partial with intent to kill him. Then, indeed, we all sprang into action. In two strides I was before him.

"Drop that!" I said to him quickly, but I hope not angrily. "Call him off, Jack!" I cried to Lafitte at the same time.

The sound of conflict ceased as Partial was persuaded to release his fallen foe, and the latter disappeared, with more wisdom as to attacking a band of pirates. His owner, however, was not so easily daunted. He still advanced toward Partial, and as I still intervened, he made a vicious side blow at me with his club.

It all happened almost in the twinkling of an eye. Here, then, was an adventure, and before the end of our second day!

With a certain joy I met my foe, circled with him, exchanged blows with him—unequally, it is true, for I was cool as though trying a case at law, and he was very angry, so that he got most of my blows and I but few of his, albeit jarring me enough to make my ears sing and my eyes blur somewhat, although of pain I felt no more conscious than a fighting dog. The turf was soft underfoot and the space wide, so that we fought very happily and comfortably over perhaps a hundred feet of country. First one and then the other coming in, until at last I had him so well blown that he stood, and I knew we must now end it toe to toe.

I thought of me of a trick of my old boxing teacher and stood before him with arms curved wide apart, inviting him to come into what seemed a good opening. He rushed, and my fist caught him on the neck. He straightened to finish me, but I stooped and brought my right in a round arm blow full and hard into the small of his back and at one side. It sickened him, and before he could rally I stepped behind him, and, having no ethics save the necessity of subduing him, I caught up his arm by the wrist and, slipping under it with my shoulder, pulled it down till he howled, a trick only one of many, which Hiroshimi patiently had taught me.

"Come here, Jack," I ordered, "and you, too, Jimmy. Do you see how I have him?"

"Yes, sure 'nuff," said Jimmy, "and you, too, Jimmy. Do you see how I have him?"

"Yes, sure 'nuff," said Jimmy, "and you, too, Jimmy. Do you see how I have him?"

"Certainly," I assented. "We did not ask you to come and do not want you to."



He Rushed, and My Fist Caught Him on the Neck.

to stay. But first I must use you in a few demonstrations to my young friends. "Jack"—and I motioned to him with my head—"get behind him."

Eagerly, his three cornered gray eyes narrowed, Lafitte slipped back of my man, and with no word from me he fastened on the other wrist so suddenly the man had no warning, and with a strong heave of all his body he doubled that arm up also. Much roaring now and many protestations, for when our prisoner began with abuse, we could change it into supplication by raising his bent arms no more than one inch or two.

"Now, Jimmy," said I, "go in front of him and put a thumb in the corner of his jaw on each side. Press up until he begs our pardon." And faith, my blue eyed pirate, so far from shuddering at the task, at last managed to do so certain nerve centers known to all efficient policemen, and very promptly the man made signs he would like to be the boy's pardon and did so.

"Now, give me that arm, Jack," I resumed calmly, since our subject had no more fight left in him than a sack of meal. "So, now go around and put your thumbs in his eyes—no, not really in his eyes, but in the middle of the bone above his eyes. So, now ask this boy's pardon or I'll twist your arms off."

"You couldn't do it if you'd fight me," he belated.

"Could I not?" I asked and cast him free. "Come on again, then."

I made a quick catch at his wrist, edge-wise, and rolled my thumb along it at a certain place where the nerves lie close to the edge of the bone, as any policeman knows, and he would follow me then. So I led him to our little campfire.

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The total yield for all pens was 3,585 eggs or 40 less than for the preceding week. Charles O. Polhemus Rhode Island Reds from Newburgh were with a production of 1,254 eggs. This same production last week only enabled them to tie for third place. Barron's Leghorns were a close second with 53 eggs to their credit while three pens, namely, Hillview Poultry Farm's Rhode Island Red's from St. Alban's, Vt., N. W. Hendry's White Leghorns from New Haven and the Storrs Station's sour milk pen of Leghorns tied for third place with 51 eggs each.

Of the 127,070 eggs produced to date 49.9 per cent. have been laid by the heavy breeds and 50.1 per cent. by the light breeds. The 52 pens classed as heavy have averaged to date 1,229 eggs each while the 48 pens belonging to the light breeds have laid an average of 1,325 eggs each. The light breeds laid 51.3 per cent. of the eggs produced during the current week, as against 48.7 per cent. for the heavy breeds.

Twenty-five individuals were credited with a perfect score of seven eggs for the week and of these 22 belonged to the heavy breeds. Eighty-five of the light breeds have laid an average of 1.225 eggs each. The light breeds laid 51.3 per cent. of the eggs produced during the current week, as against 48.7 per cent. for the heavy breeds.

The ten leading pens to date are as follows:

Tom Barron, Catforth nr. Preston, England, White Leghorns	1678
F. M. Hendry, Newburgh, Conn., White Leghorns	1663
Ed Cam, Houghton, near Preston, England, White Wyandottes	1655
Windsweep Farm, Redding Ridge, White Leghorns	1663
Hillview Poultry Farm, Storrs, Conn., Rhode Island Reds	1652
A. P. Robinson, Calverton, N. Y., White Leghorns	1550
Brantford Farm, Gt. Britain, Conn., White Leghorns	1550
J. Collings, Barrington, England, Black Leghorns	1522
The ten leading Connecticut pens to date include:	
George Bowles, Westport, White Leghorns	1459
Homer F. Darling, Windsor, Rhode Island Reds	1419
Mrs. J. D. Beck, Canaan, White Wyandottes	1336
Merrick M. Clark, Brookfield, Conn., Rhode Island Reds	1323
Uncle Sam's Camp, Southport, Silver Campines	1313

British Anti-Enemy Trading Bill Causes Panic Among Germans

Hankow, China, Aug. 26.—The first result of the British anti-enemy trading bill, which is being put into effect in China, is a panic among the Germans in the British concession. In fear of being cut off from business by the British action, the Germans have moved all their stocks of goods to Chinese territory, and planned the larger part of it under Chinese protection. The British banks have requested the Germans to withdraw all their deposits. Hitherto trading between German and British subjects has continued in China, but the war has been carried into commerce even in the Far East.

The Japanese Ministry of Communications have ordered all Japanese shipping companies trading in China to follow the British anti-enemy trading proclamation from July 26. The effect will be that German and Austrian subjects in China who have been carrying on business with America will be practically isolated from the outside world except by transportation on the few neutral steamers that ply to inland China ports—Japanese steamers being the chief medium for cargo and passengers. Japanese firms, other than shipping companies are not affected by the regulation.

German Imperial Bank Has Scheme To Build Up Its Stock of Gold

Berlin, Aug. 26.—The Imperial Bank has invented a new device for increasing its gold stock. It is aimed at the many memorial gold coins which people either lay aside or wear as jewelry. Thus not a few German women wear brooches or bracelets with three gold coins of 1888, called the "Three-Kaiser" coins. Bearing the heads of the three emperors who ruled over Germany in that year. Coins of 1913 in commemoration of the emperor's twenty-fifth year on the throne, are similarly treasured. Coins of this kind have not been turned into the Imperial Bank out of patriotism, because the owners think by holding to them. Now the bank is inviting them to surrender the treasured coins and take receipts for them, and promises to return to them similar coins within a year after peace.

RAILWAY CLERKS ELECT.

Detroit, Aug. 26.—Election of officers was the principal business before the annual convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks here today. As a result of amendments to the constitution of the brotherhood made yesterday, the convention was to select a grand executive council. The constitution previously provided for a grand council composed of five vice presidents.

FLOATING MINE SIGHTED.

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